

### Remarks/Arguments

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the indicated allowability of dependent claims 2-6.


By this Amendment, claim 2 has been amended into independent form by incorporating the subject matter of claim 1. Also, claims 3-5 have been revised to delete the dashes ("-") appearing therein. Noting that claims 3-6 depend directly or indirectly from claim 2, it is believed that claims 2-6 are in condition for allowance.

Further, by this Amendment, claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice, thus rendering moot the rejection under 35 U.S.C. ¶102.

No other issues remaining, early allowance of the present application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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